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Dear Connie--

I am sure that the present ruckus in the medical school is a matter of great regret, as it must be to anyone who has an attachment for the University of Wisconsin, and a regard for its great place in our national life. Many of our mutual friends and colleagues have conveyed the same concern.

The facts that occasion the present dispute are quite mysterious, and I would not wish to intrude myself into it. However, since John Bowers was my dean when I left the university I feel a special obligation to recall this, as I have been asked to do: I had and have the highest regard for John Bowers, and felt that his program was a refreshing and essential step to giving the medical school the stature that it deserves within the university, and that the State of Wisconsin deserves for training, service and research in medicine. As I had stressed to you too, on several occasions, my own decision to leave Wisconsin for Stanford was based on a number of personal factors, and particularly the orientation of my own research. I would not have that ~~that~~ this matter would have been anyone else's concern, but if it is I hope no one could be so misled as to read into it any lack of regard or friendliness for John or yourself. (I am writing this quite privately, as I would not want to dignify scandalous nonsense by recognizing it.)

Yours sincerely,

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Dave Gunn but
not sent.